



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

June 14, 2021
Renewed /Amended

Permit No. QC 1224

**SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF CHERRY FRUIT
GROWN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, PACKED IN WASHINGTON, AND
SHIPPED FROM WASHINGTON TO CALIFORNIA**

Under authority of Section 3256 (Cherry Fruit Fly Exterior Quarantine), Title 3, California Code of Regulations, special permission is hereby granted to the Washington Department of Agriculture (WDA) to authorize firms to ship British Columbia grown cherry fruit to California without fumigation, subject to the requirements and conditions of this permit. Only British Columbia grown cherry fruit may be shipped under the authority of this permit.

A. To meet the requirements for this special permit, the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) shall confirm to WDA that the following conditions have been met:

1. The British Columbia cherries were produced in California-approved mandatory pest control districts for control of cherry fruit fly.
2. The AGRI used a degree-day predictive computer model to determine first emergence of cherry fruit fly for proper timing of applications of control materials or carry on a trapping program for adult cherry fruit flies to determine proper timing for application of control materials.
3. The AGRI required the application of pesticides at specified intervals for control of cherry fruit fly.
4. The cherry fruit was grown in British Columbia by an approved California participant on the attached letter from Beth Cavers to Dean Kelch, CDFA, dated June 14, 2021.

B. To meet the requirements for this special permit, WDA shall:

1. Accept for packing in Washington only cherry fruit produced in British Columbia that meets the requirements of conditions #1-4 above.
2. Maintain grower lot identity.
3. Porch sample all incoming lots of British Columbia-grown cherry fruit that is intended for shipment to California upon arrival at firms approved to ship under the authority of this permit.
4. Approve shipments under this special permit only from the following shipper using registered state lot stamp ID Numbers:



Stemilt Growers LLC ID #622
3101 Warehouse Road
Wenatchee, WA 98801

5. Pay transportation and per diem expenses of a California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) representative for the purpose of observing that the permit requirements are met at origin.

C. The following conditions are also required to maintain the validity of this special permit:

1. Each lot shall consist only of one variety of cherry and shall be at least 1,000 pounds. Each container in the lot shall be randomly sampled prior to adjusting the container weight and according to the following schedule:

Sample Size - Number of Cherries	
<u>Lot Size in Pounds</u>	<u>From each Container in Lot</u>
1,000 to 19,999	5
20,000 to 39,999	4
40,000 and over on continuous belt run	2

2. The cherries in the sample shall be tested for the presence of cherry fruit fly larvae in an approved manner.

(a) Brown Sugar Procedure

- i. Crush cherry fruit sufficiently to break open all of the fruit.
- ii. Fill pan or other suitable container 1/3 full of crushed cherries.
- iii. Add measured water to cover the cherries pouring water over crushing mechanism to wash larvae adhering to mechanism into pan.
- iv. Mix brown sugar into water at the rate of 4 to 5 quarts of sugar per 5 gallons of water (7 pounds of sugar per 5 gallons of water). Solution used should read at least +15 soluble solids on the refractometer.
- v. Stir mixture to dissolve brown sugar; stirring will cause foam to develop.
- vi. Allow to set for five minutes or until foam clears up. Inspect for larvae.

(b) Hot Water Procedure

- i. Crush cherry fruit through wringer into a pan containing a 1/4-inch mesh screen liner.

- ii. Submerge crushed cherries in a container of hot water (140-180 degrees - not to kill larvae).
 - iii. Agitate in water for approximately 60 seconds.
 - iv. Remove cherries and mesh screen liner, skim off excess water and debris, pour remaining water into either: (a) a Pyrex dish, or (b) a dull black pan. Larvae will settle to bottom, use light under Pyrex or over black pan to inspect for larvae.
3. Maintain identity on each container of inspected fruit with the proper identification number as issued by WDA and the corresponding authorized name of the approved shipper.
4. The identification number that appears on the container must coincide with the identification number for the Washington shipper.
5. If any British Columbia cherries received, stored, packed, or shipped by a Washington shipper are found infested with cherry fruit fly, WDA shall:
 - (a) Discontinue acceptance of cherries from the British Columbia grower who produced cherry fruit fly-infested cherries for the remainder of the shipping season.
 - (b) Immediately notify the AGRI and CDFA of the detection of cherry fruit fly-infested cherries. Notification shall be made to the Shift Manager at the Dorris Agricultural Inspection Station by phone [(530) 397-4701] or fax [(530) 397-4702] and the Department by fax [(916) 654-5046)].
6. The containers in the shipment shall be loaded in such a manner as to allow access by California agricultural inspectors to various portions of the shipment, including the front of the trailer.
7. Each shipment destined to California shall be accompanied by an officially signed WDA certificate naming the approved shipper, the ID number of the lot, the number of containers in the shipment, the name and address of the consignee, and affirming that the shipment is in compliance with the requirements of Permit No. QC 1224.
8. Cherry fruit is subject to inspection upon arrival in California. Any lot found infested with cherry fruit fly shall be fumigated in the approved manner (note all fumigation requirements, especially pulp temperature) or immediately shipped out of state. The grower of a lot found infested with cherry fruit fly by California inspectors shall be immediately suspended from shipping to California under all California issued cherry fruit fly master permits for the remainder of the shipping season.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through June 30, 2021

Dean Kelch

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June 14, 2021

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Dear Dr. Kelch,

Re: Application for Special Permit #QC 1224-2020 – Fresh BC Cherries to California via Washington

On behalf of the BC Cherry Association and the Province of British Columbia, I am requesting the issuance of a special permit #QC 1224 – 2020 season - for the shipment of fresh cherries from British Columbia to Washington State for packing, and then further shipment to California.

If you require any further information regarding this request, or the program in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

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